

**REMARKS**

In the Restriction Requirement mailed October 4, 2007, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a recombinant vector for the correct, stable, and effective expression in mammalian cells of a siRNA or miRNA and drawn to a composition comprising said vector.
- II. Claim 8, drawn to the use of the recombinant vectors for therapeutic applications.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-7). Applicant respectfully cancels claim 8 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce claim 8 in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6959 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

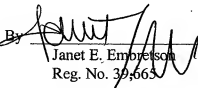
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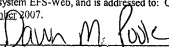
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